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John Tolley, DOT/PF Planning Director P. O. Box 196900 Anchorage, AK 99519-6900

Dear Mr. Tolley

I am very upset to learn that the state has recently <u>dropped</u> the Seward Highway improvements south of Potter Section House from the "STIP." (State Transportation Improvement Plan).

As we all know the Seward Highway currently has a great many traffic accidents resulting in deaths and injuries. The situation is only going to get worse as our population grows, Girdwood is developed and tourism continues to expand. There is no reason for accepting the unnecessary additional deaths and injury that will occur if the Seward Highway is not improved.

It is essential that the Seward Highway be re-established in the STIP as a 4-lane divided highway from Potter to Girdwood.

Sincerely

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